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in Szczecin (Stettin), Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) and Gdynia. These reports also include information on installations in Sopot and harbor controls in Gdansk (Danzig) and Szczecin. 25X1

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Observation of Naval Vessels

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a.

Destroyer quay: 3 Russian naval vessels
6 small motorboats, about 15 m long, no.
and flag not observed.

1 Russian naval vessel described
as survey ship
3 Russian naval vessels
observed, described as minesweepers

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City side: 1 naval cargo vessel, Russian;

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Entrance to
Winterhafen:

1 vessel built as a landing craft but with
a small chimney abaft.

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No ordnance.

5 landing crafts
2 Russian vessels BM 23 and BM 24.

b.

Entrance to
Winterhafen:

2 Russian BM 23 and BM 24.
2 landing crafts

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Destroyer quay: 6 Russian naval vessels
observed, described
minesweepers.
1 Russian naval vessel, described
as survey ship
2 Russian naval vessels
submarine chasers.

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Osternothafen: 4 MTB's with radar on the top of the mast,
Russian flag.

City side: 1 naval vessel
The ship was lying on a slip or in dock.

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2. Observation of Merchant Ships

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3. [redacted] at the
entrance to Kohlenhafen on Eichstaden military tents, 1 small
gun, and 4 military trucks. The small vessel with the small
chimney aft which was observed on 9 September was lying by the
quay. [redacted] it was part of a
maneuver; [redacted]

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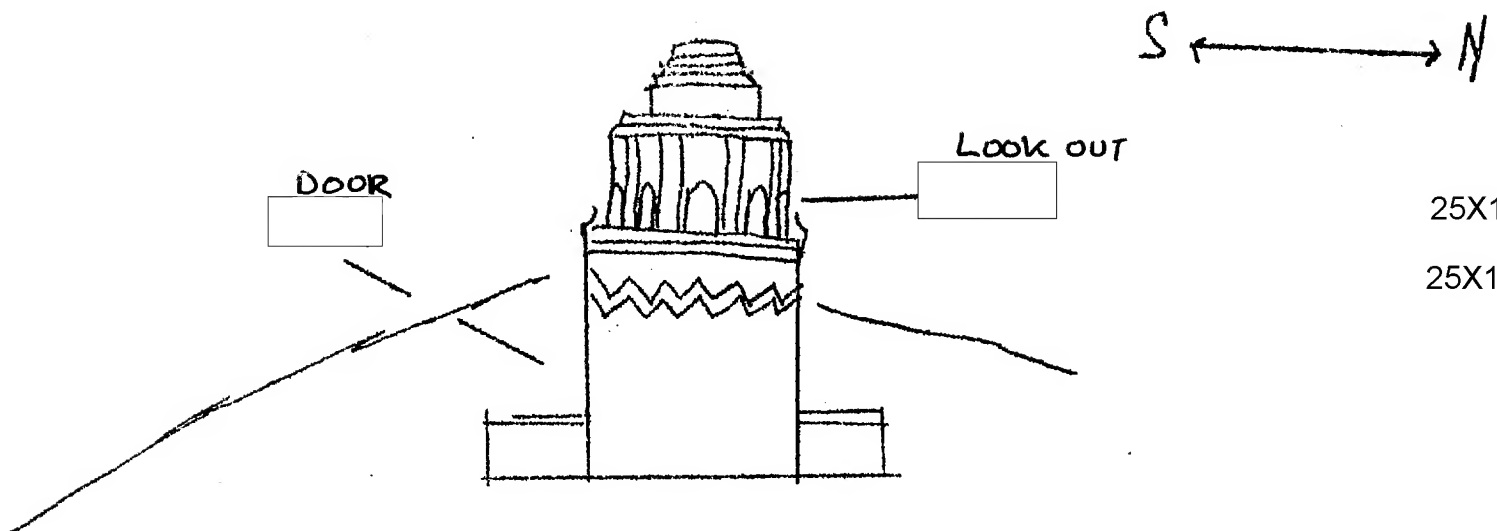
4. [redacted] that the Bismarck Tower by Snop is lying
on a big hill, and the height of the tower itself is like a
4-story house (see the drawing).

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1. Stettin

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- a. A waiting place has now been arranged at Danziger Quay for ships which have to take in coal.
- b. The ODRA canal is closed off. Across from the shipyard a row of piles have been rammed down.
- c. At the shipyard there are new ships on 4 slips. The 4 ships are merchant ships, about 2-2500 tons.

2. Swinemünde

Destroyer quay: 8 minesweepers.

3 submarine chasers

On the city side across from the destroyer quay: 2 large tugs with bronzed chimney

Behind Eichstaden: 3 landing crafts.

In the shipyard dock: In dock a small naval vessel, probably a minesweeper.

On the western side south of Eichstaden: There are several large round containers on land. Some of them are being dug into the ground.

On the eastern side by Möwenhaken: Also containers of the same size which also are being dug down.

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3. Inspection, etc.

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- a. In Stettin there is a soldier for each ship. Previously the soldiers always followed along when a ship shifted berth, but they did not do it this time.

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[redacted] the Polish destroyers [redacted] were [redacted] in the western naval harbor. 1 Polish transportation ship with 1 chimney and many lifeboats on the aft boat deck, about 8000 tons. There were also many smaller vessels and 12 submarines 3 by 3.

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[redacted] they were not especially big, but had a big square turret.

- b. In the eastern naval harbor there was an escort ship [redacted] 4 landing crafts, 2 minesweepers, and 6 smaller units, probably MTB's.

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2. Hela Harbor

[redacted] 5 small submarines, 7 minesweepers, and 5 probably MTB's were observed in Hela Harbor. 2 small submarines were observed in the Hela Bay at 1230 hours; one of them was coming from Hela.

3. Air Activities

[redacted] most of the following day jet planes were seen coming over Gdynia. The planes were single-engine with back-swept wings and a high elevator. [redacted]

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[redacted] the planes landed at an airfield located north of Gdynia.